

# DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

Case Docket No. 2003B033

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## **"Catalyst Activation Method and Activated Catalyst"**

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

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